



UPCOMING CLASSES

Be on the lookout for more classes scheduled in 2025!

What's Happening Around the Region?

Welcome, 2025!!! We are looking forward to taking advantage of everything the new year has to offer. The North Central IL Perinatal Network is planning a variety of offerings for the new year. We will use this newsletter to communicate those as well as updating the NCIPN website: www.nciperinatal.com

We will soon send the nursing care managers a survey. If you have ideas for education, simulations, or anything else, please let them know. Then, they can use the survey to relay that information to us.

Let's make 2025 our best year yet!



NCIPN SPOTLIGHT

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Hello, I'm Jen Clauson, and here is a look into my nursing career and current role as Coordinator of the Neonatal Development Program. I started working in the Neonatal ICU as an extern in summer 2003. I always knew I wanted to be a neonatal nurse. I had baby dolls hooked up to all sorts of imaginary equipment and constantly caring for them when I was little. I attended Illinois Central College for my associates degree. I was thrilled to be accepted at OSF Saint Francis College of Nursing and graduated with my BSN in 2004. I vividly remember my first day as a nurse extern. Sherry Keyser was the nurse I was assigned to, and we were in room 4 (this part of the hospital is now women's care unit). I remember peeking into the isolates and couldn't believe I finally was working with these babies. I worked for 13 years at the bedside and all on nightshift. I got to witness and be a part of a lot of advancements in caring for these babies. The big one that comes to mind is Cooling therapy. I was on the team to plan and prepare for when we would be offering Cooling therapy. Sure enough, I was working the night Dr. Tim Miller was on call, and we admitted the very first cooling kid from an local hospital. I was a mentor, preceptor, charge nurse, a part of education council, super user for IDX (the first computer charting system OSF had), super user for Epic, and for a brief moment chair for practice council in 2016. In 2016, I moved my career away from bedside and obtained new knowledge in professional development with teaching Epic. I decided to go back to school and completed my MSN in Nursing Education in March 2020 from Grand Canyon University. In 2019, I was missing my connection with the NICU and applied for the Coordinator of the Neonatal Development Follow-up Program (NDFP). This role has been a continuation of my career at bedside. Believe it or not, I started nursing before social media, and when kids graduated from the NICU we didn't see them/get updates on them unless their families came back to the unit. I now have the honor to see these miracles in our NDFP clinic.

The kids who automatically are enrolled in NDFP include- born at 28 weeks or less, born at 1,000gm or less, seizures, cooling therapy, abnormal head sono, EMCO, Neonatal Absence syndrome (NAS), hypotonia/hypertonia, CMV, meningitis, ect.

A fun fact about myself is that I'm always up for a good laugh and try to keep things light and positive.

ILPQC CORNER

Congratulations to all the award winners at the Annual Conference this year!

Birth Equity QI Excellence

- Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- McDonough District Hospital
- OSF St. Joseph Medical Center

Birth Equity Data Champions

- Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- McDonough District Hospital
- OSF St. Francis Medical Center
- OSF St. Joseph Medical Center

ESSI Data Champions

- Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- OSF St. Francis Medical Center including CHOI
- OSF St. Mary Medical Center

PVB Data Champions

- Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- Carle Health Methodist
- McDonough District Hospital
- OSF St. Francis Medical Center

ESSI QI Award

- Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- Carle Health Methodist
- McDonough District Hospital
- OSF St. Francis Medical Center

Community Engagement Award

- McDonough District Hospital



Congratulations to the team at McDonough District Hospital for their dedication to ILPQC. They received several awards including the Abstract of Excellence for their Birth Equity work.

SITE VISIT TIPS

Please remember that you must include **ALL** departments that may encounter a pregnant or postpartum patient in your yearly hemorrhage, hypertension, and airway management education. This includes physicians and staff that work in the ICU, ED, anesthesia, and the OR. This can be found in Hospital Licensing Code 250.1830 subsection N and O

[See link attached](#)

JOURNALS



Newborn Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease: A New Algorithm and Other Updated Recommendations: Clinical Report

Early Test May Predict Pre-eclampsia Risk

